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- 1. DURING VISIT TO GRENADA JUNE 2, DCM RAISED DESIRABILITY OF GRENADA'S ADHERING TO AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. FLORENCE A. RAPIER, PERMSEC FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SAID GRENADA WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT SIGN AND RATIFY AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 10, 1978, WHICH SHE SAID WAS DESIGNATED HUMAN RIGHTS DAY BY UNITED NATIONS.
- 2. TO EXPEDITE PROCESS, GRENADA'S MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REQUESTED COPY OF COMPLETE CONVENTION TOGETHER WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING AND RATIFICATION.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN SOONEST WITH COPY OF FULL CONVENTION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING AND RATIFYING. GRENADA OFTEN FRUSTRATED BY SHEER DEMANDS OF KEEPING TRACK OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AND BY MECHANICS FOR PROCESSING THEM.

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4. BARBADIAN POSITION ON CONVENTION CONTINUES AMBI-VALENT PARTLY FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. PRECISELY BE-CAUSE OF ITS EXCEPTIONAL RECORD IN HUMAN RIGHTS, BAR-BADOS FEELS THAT SIGNING OF CONVENTION UNNECESSARY. SPECIFICALLY, IT BELIEVES BARBADIAN MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WOULD BE UNJUSTIFIABLE EXPENSE BECAUSE BARBADOS WILL RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS REGARDLESS.
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